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Shasta-Trinity National Recreation Area  
Shasta Unit

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**File Code:** 1950

**Date:** August 17, 2017

Dear Interested Party:

The purpose of this letter is to invite you to provide any input you may have on the proposed Sugarloaf Mountain and Bass Mountain Communication Authorization Issuance Project. Sugarloaf Mountain located approximately 2 miles north of Shasta Lake near the town of Lakehead, CA, was initially established as a fire lookout in 1931 and continues to serve that vital role. It was first utilized as a communication site in 1964. Bass Mountain located approximately 1 mile to the south of Shasta Lake was established in 1950. Today, each site has multiple facility owners with expired communication use authorizations. Location maps of each mountain are enclosed.

### **Proposed Action and Decision to Be Made**

The Shasta-Trinity National Forest is proposing to re-authorize twelve (6 at each site) communication authorizations at Sugarloaf and Bass Mountain Communication Sites. The new authorizations will be for the maximum term of 30 years. There will be no changes made to the existing facilities or their day to day operation. This project will be an administrative action and no ground disturbance is proposed.

Upon completion of the environmental analysis, I will decide whether or not to authorize implementation of the Sugarloaf and Bass Mountain Communication Authorization Issuance Project. My preliminary assessment of the proposal is that it falls under a categorical exclusion (36 CFR 220.6(e)(15): Issuance of a new special use authorization for a new term to replace an existing or expired special use authorization when the only changes are administrative, there are not changes to the authorized facilities or increases in the scope or intensity of authorized activities, and the applicant or holder is in full compliance with the terms and conditions of the special use authorization.

### **How You Can Participate**

If you have information you feel the Forest Service may not be aware of, concerns or questions, I strongly encourage you to let us know. To be most helpful, your comments should be as site specific as possible, and relate only to the proposal. Your input will be considered in the analysis, and may be used to refine the proposed action, identify best management practices, or evaluate the environmental consequences of implementation. In order for us to have adequate time to review your comments, I need to receive them by September 15, 2017, so that we can incorporate the information into the environmental analysis. Please submit your comments in writing as this helps us to document them.

Mail written comments to Joe Stubbendick, Shasta Lake Ranger Station, 14225 Holiday Road, Redding, CA 96003 or by email at [jstubbendick@fs.fed.us](mailto:jstubbendick@fs.fed.us). If you have questions about this proposal, or if you need to make alternative arrangements for providing comments, please call or email Joe Stubbendick, Lands and Special Uses Administrator, at (530) 242-5539, [jstubbendick@fs.fed.us](mailto:jstubbendick@fs.fed.us).

I appreciate your interest in the management of our public lands and look forward to hearing from you.

SCOT ROGERS  
District Ranger

Enclosures

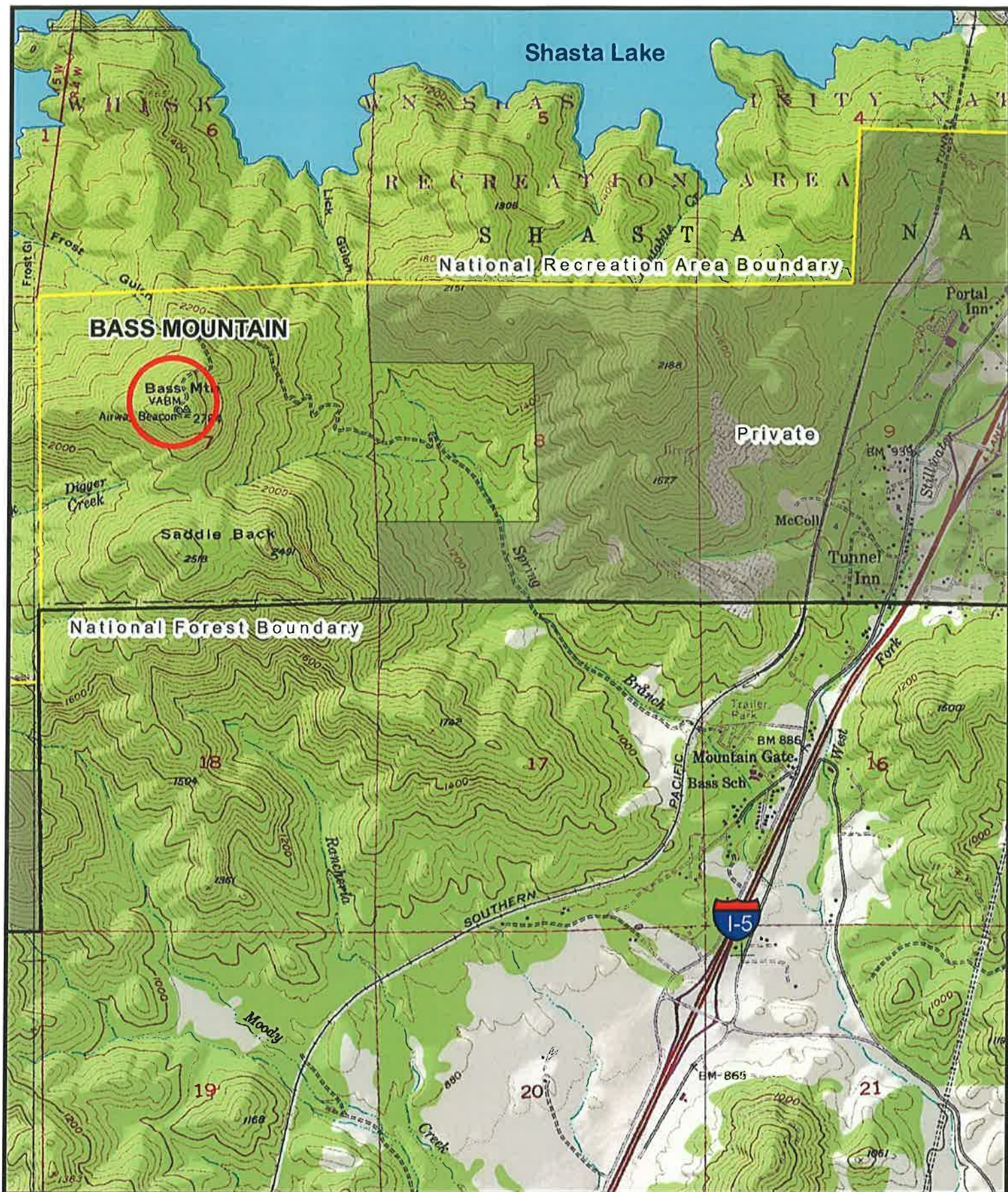


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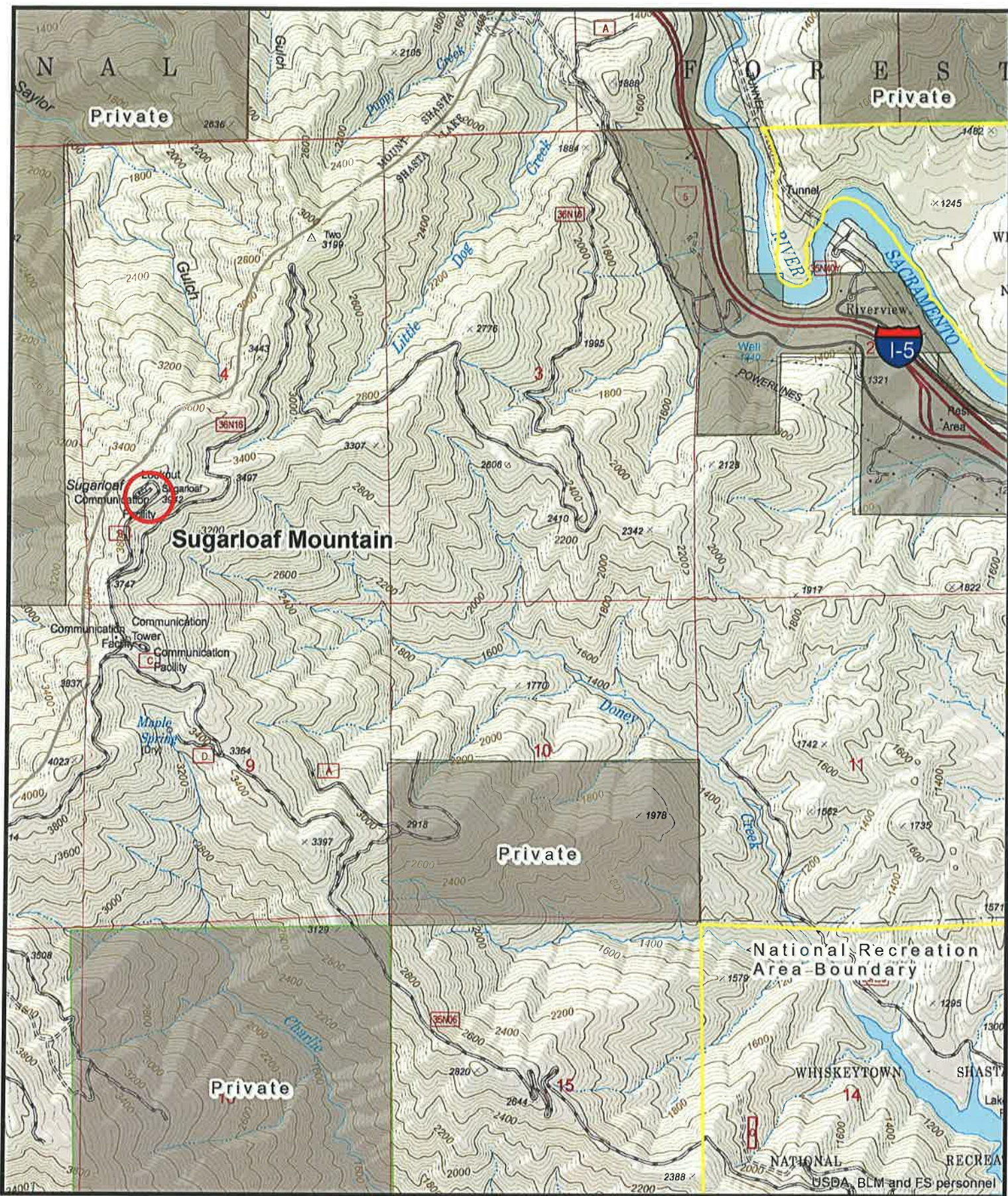
## Bass Mountain Communication Site

Shasta Lake Ranger District  
Shasta-Trinity National Forest

T.33N. R.4W. Sec. 7, M.D.M.







**Sugarloaf Mountain Communication Site**  
 Shasta Lake Ranger District  
 Shasta-Trinity National Forest

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